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H. PRICE & CO.,
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9 p.m.—Meeting of Zetland Lodge.

General Memoranda.MONDAY, July 7.—
Noon.—Extraordinary Meeting of Winkins, Limited, at the Company's Office, No. 66, Queen's Road Central.TUESDAY, July 8.—
12.30 p.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.MONDAY, July 21.—
3 p.m.—Auction of Valuable Household Property (in Two Lots), at Mr. G. P. Lamont's Sales Rooms.**A RAMBLE THROUGH SOUTHERN
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DEATHS.

On the 24th June, at the General Hospital, Shanghai; after a brief illness, Louis Beauvais; aged about 52 years.

At 1 a.m. on the 26th June, at Kobe, Jessie Baumitz, the beloved wife of B. M. Stiebel.

The publication of this issue commenced at 5.20 p.m.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, MONDAY, JUNE 30, 1902.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

At the last meeting of the Sanitary Board, at SHELLY STREET attempt was made to whitewash the Shelly Party. Street house-to-house search party—that is to say, the search party whose conduct had been publicly complained of by a correspondent in our columns. We do not say the 'vindication' was or was not successful; but the search party, on their part, complain that the occupant of the house was the offending party, and in response to this allegation the occupant has addressed another letter to us in which he reiterates all he said on the first occasion and expresses his willingness to have the case investigated officially, his wife being prepared to substantiate her allegations against the Sanitary Board officers 'under oath.' Here is a direct challenge. Will the Sanitary Board or the Government take it up? In fairness to the Board's officials, the case ought to be investigated. Mr Osborne, who is, nothing if not thorough, very wisely minute the 'vindication' as follows:—Prosecute the woman for obstructing the officers of the Board in the execution of their duty. Nothing like having the matter threshed out in public! That, of course, is the course dictated by commonsense, though, in our opinion, it may seem somewhat harsh to make the woman the defendant in an action instead of the temporary members of the Sanitary Board staff complained against. But, whatever the method of enquiry, it is evident that the matter requires further probing. Mr Lau Chu Pak, another member of the Board, says: 'I have heard many complaints of a similar nature,' and what he states in general terms is evidently believed by the Chinese throughout the Colony. Every reasonable person will admit that the Sanitary Board staff has difficult and delicate duties to perform in the face of much unreasonable opposition, and it would be unfair to allow the men to be the target for any ill-considered attack; but in the case under discussion the facts stated on the opposing sides are so inconsistent, and the assertions of the parties are reiterated with so much persistency, that it might well for all concerned to have a semi-judicial enquiry with a view to the real vindication of the Board's officers or their dismissal if found guilty. The men, court an enquiry, and the other side is willing to give evidence upon oath. As Mr Osborne says: there is nothing like having the matter threshed out in public.

The U. S. Military Academy Bill, which has for its object certain improvements at West Point, has passed both houses. The stipulated appropriation is \$5,000,000.

In a list of officers returned to duty from hospital in South Africa, we notice the names of Major Long, A.S.C., and Capt. Sanderson, of the Fifth Brigade, both well known in Hongkong.

In the list of successful candidates at the recent examination of officers in foreign languages is the name of Captain D. S. Robertson, Royal Scots Fusiliers, who passed in Chinese.

It is announced that Mr. Wyne, the agent of the Bengal-Nagpur Railway at Calcutta, has been offered the management of a large development company in North China, and will probably resign his present appointment.

Sir Halliday Macartney, who has just entered upon his 70th year, has been Counsellor and English Secretary to the Chinese Legation in London for over 25 years, that is since China first sent a permanent diplomatic representative to reside in London.

Details of the explosion on board the Chinese cruiser *Kiowish* at Nanking in Shanghai contemporaries show that the vessel is a total wreck. It is believed that only two of the crew were saved, though the U.S. cruiser *Helene* had all her boats out searching for survivors.

Shanghai exchanges to hand contain the closing speeches, summing up and verdict in the O'Shea-Cowen libel suit at Shanghai. The jury found for the plaintiff and awarded Taels 100 as damages, and the Judge refused to stay execution and said that costs followed the verdict.

Kowloon Ladies' Coronation Club. There has just been formed in Kowloon a Ladies' Club for outdoor recreation, boasting the distinctive name of the Ladies' Coronation Club. It was intended to have a formal opening of the lawn on Saturday, but the inclement weather prevented the event taking place. The ground, it may be mentioned, is close by East Terrace, Kowloon, and the use of it has been granted free by Mr. J. Lunn, architect. Two tennis lawns have been laid out and balls, nets, rackets and all the other appliances have been gifted by friends of the ladies interested. The Club has also been presented with a ping-pong table and all the necessaries for this interesting pastime. The membership is now considerable, and the officers are—Mrs. Lunn, President; Mrs. Williamson, Secretary; Mrs. Major, Treasurer, and a committee. The Club gives promise of being a success.

Cholera at Soochow.A telegram in the *Shanghai Times*, dated 21st June, says:—Cholera is still raging here among the natives and the deaths are numerous. Each day many are reported but there are cases that are never reported, as it seems to rage in one locality for a while and then shifts to another. It has been reported that there were at one time as many as 100 deaths in one day. In the last few days there have been two or three 'scars' among the foreigners, but nothing serious has resulted yet. All precautions are being taken as regards food and water.The foreign and native physicians are kept busy answering calls at all hours of the day and night. To the above our contemporary adds:—Several Europeans have late succumbed to the dread scourge, cholera, which has been playing such havoc with the native residents of Soochow and Shanghai the past two months. Two of Butterfield and Swire's employees have been attacked while in the outports, one the chief offices of the *Mitsui*, dying at Chusoo on Thursday last, the other the third engineer of the *Wuchang*, fortunately recovering. The *Howa* arrived at Tongkiu on the 15th inst. with two cases of cholera aboard and was immediately placed in quarantine. The latest European report to date is suffering with the dread malady is an employee of one of the largest hotels in Shanghai.**Coronation Honours.**The Coronation honour to be bestowed on the Premier, it is reported, will take the form of a dukedom. Another rumour is that Mr Joseph Chamberlain may go to the House of Lords, and that Sir William Harcourt will be offered and will accept a peerage. It is rumoured, says *Truth*, that Coronation peerages will be conferred upon Mr Percy Wyndham, Mr. Evelyn Ashley,

Sir George Trevelyan, Sir Michael Shaw Stewart, Sir Massy Lopes, Sir William Walron, Sir Ernest Cassel, Sir Edward Lawson, Sir William Harcourt, Colonel Cornwallis West, Sir Donald Currie, and Lord Edmund Talbot.

According to the same authority, Lord Cadogan, Lord Leicester, and Lord Annesley will obtain a peerage.

Lord Lansdowne, Lord Wilson, Lord Lytton, Lord Rothschild, Lord Barnard, and Lord Windham will be created from barons into earls.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.**Notes by the Way.**

The issue of the general war gratuity is fixed for the 31st July.

The House of Commons, which adjourned on the 25th inst., re-opens to-morrow.

Thousands of cattle and sheep have perished of cold and in snow drifts at the Cape.

The second test match between England and Australia was abandoned owing to the wet weather.

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Among those present at one of the recent levees held by the King was Dr. John Ferguson, ex-President of the Nanyang College on the Sicawel, has been appointed by H.E. Sheng-kung-pao an Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, of which H.E. Sheng is the Minister. Mr Ferguson was formerly there representative of the Viceregal at Nanking, and he took part in the settlement of the famous Ningpo Joss House case, giving satisfaction to the Ningpo men as well as to the French Government.

Appointment to a Foreigner.The *N. C. Daily News* learns that Mr. John C. Ferguson, ex-President of the Nanyang College on the Sicawel, has been appointed by H.E. Sheng-kung-pao an Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of Commerce, of which H.E. Sheng is the Minister.

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Another Dock in Japan.A dry dock has been almost completed for the Hakodate Dockyard Co. The dock will accommodate vessels up to 10,000 tons. Dr Ishiguro, Harbour Officer attached to the Naval Department, superintended the work, the Naval Department having a large interest in the Dockyard. It is reported that the *Kobe Herald* that British Naval authorities in the Far East have made a number of inquiries about the progress of the work. Several American Naval Officers also paid a visit to Hakodate recently and inspected the dock.**Governorship of Indo-China.**The *Echo de Chine* of the 24th inst. says:—It is affirmed that M. Baudin has refused to accept the governorship of Indo-China, as he is desirous of remaining a deputy. The following are the names of the candidates. Messrs. Pichon, Meunier and Laurent, the last-named gentleman being the Financial Superintendent. On the 24th inst., the Council of Ministers was to take up the question of the appointment of the Governor of Indo-China; and go into the question whether some modifications should not be sanctioned in connection with the post.**The Portuguese Ambassador.**The *Echo de Chine* of the 24th inst. says:—His Excellency Sr. Castello Branco, the Portuguese Minister, and his secretary arrived here on Sunday afternoon from Peking. His Excellency, we are informed, was invited by the committee of the Club de Recreio to inaugurate the new building of that institution, and for this purpose great preparations are now being made. The inauguration will take place on the 28th inst., and a ball in honour of His Excellency will be given on the night of the 30th inst. The Portuguese Vice-Consul, M. Botti, and a delegation from the said Club went on board the *Lisbon* to meet the Minister.**Recitation by the Empress Dowager.**The Peking correspondent of the *N. C. Daily News* wrote on the 16th June:—The Legation ladies were received in audience by the Empress Dowager on the 11th. The party included Lady Susan Townley, the wife